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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, TD  
SUBJECT: JAMAICA/TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BILATERALS

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 0643

1. IN THE MIDST OF THE BWIA STRIKE, BILATERAL AIR NEGOTIATIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN JAMAICA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN PORT-OF-SPAIN FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1. NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AIR JAMAICA FLIGHTS TO TRINIDAD, WERE REQUESTED BY JAMAICA SOME 18 MONTHS AGO.
2. OFFICIAL PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AT CLOSE OF MEETINGS SAID ONLY THAT THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE REPORTED BY THE DELEGATIONS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.
3. ACCORDING TO A PARTICIPANT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, THEY WERE "INCONCLUSIVE, TO SAY THE LEAST." JAMAICANS WERE ALLEGEDLY ASKING FOR THE SUN AND MOON, AND THEIR DUMANDS WERE DESCRIBED AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
4. COMMENT. GIVEN BWIA'S CURRENT DIFFICULTIES, DURING WHICH BWIA ACTUALLY CHARTERED AN AIR JAMAICA PLANE TO

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CARRY BWIA PASSENGERS AT ONE POINT, THE CLIMATE FOR NEGOTIATIONS COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN LESS PROPITIOUS FROM GOTT'S POINT OF VIEW. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME GOTT WAS TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE A "BUSINESS AS USUAL" ATTITUDE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.  
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